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PANCHAYATI RAJ DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION

The 7th April 2008

For smooth implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Orissa) in the entire State, the State Government after careful consideration has decided to set up **State Employment Guarantee Fund (Orissa)** [hereinafter referred to as the Fund] for streamlining the fund flow from State level to Districts/Blocks/Implementing Agencies. The Fund and its management shall be governed as per the following conditions.

Conditions—

- (1) The Fund shall act as a 'Receptacle Fund' for receiving Central Share under NREGS.
- (2) The matching contribution of the State under NREGS known as 'State Share' and other miscellaneous receipts under NREGS shall also be credited to the Fund.
- (3) State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD), Orissa, Bhubaneswar which is a State Government organization under the administrative control of the PR Department, Government of Orissa shall be the Designated Agency to operate the Fund and to maintain all accounts. SIRD will submit the details of the Fund to the PR Department, Government of Orissa on monthly basis.
- (4) The Fund shall be maintained as a Savings Bank Account opened by SIRD in any Public Sector Bank as per the instruction of the PR Department.
- (5) The Bank Account shall be jointly operated by Director (Spl. Projects)-cum-Additional Secretary, PR Department (who is also the Additional State Project Co-ordinator for NREGS) and Director (SIRD).
- (6) Appropriate amount from the Fund shall be released to various DRDAs/Institutions/Organisations from time to time as per need for the purposes of

implementation of NREGS such as Programme Implementation, IEC and Capacity Building, Administrative Contingency, Social Audit, etc.

- (7) Any withdrawal/release of money from the Fund by the joint signatories mentioned above shall require prior approval of Commissioner-cum-Secretary/Principal Secretary to Government, PR Department, Government of Orissa and shall be made by SIRD after receiving formal Sanction Order thereof issued by the PR Department.
- (8) Bank Interest accrued in the Fund shall be deemed as scheme money and shall be accounted for under 'Miscellaneous/Any other Receipt' head.
- (9) The Fund shall not be diverted or utilized for any purpose other than implementation of NREGS.
- (10) The Fund shall be annually audited by a Chartered Accountant Firm. The CAG may also undertake audit of the Fund as and when authorised by Government of India/ Government of Orissa. The Central Government or the State Government may undertake separate audit of the Fund at any time if they so desire.
- (11) These conditions mentioned above may be altered/modified by the State Government in future in consonance with the NREG Act, the NREG Scheme framed thereunder and directions/instructions issued from time to time by Government of India.
- (12) Constitution of the Fund and its management has been concurred by the Finance Department and approved by the Government at the level of Hon'ble Chief Minister.**

ORDER : Ordered that the Resolution be published in the next Extra-ordinary issue of the *Orissa Gazette* and copies thereof be supplied to all RDCs/All Collector-cum-DPCs/ All PD, DRDAs /All Programme Officer-cum-BDOs/ Director, SIRD, Bhubaneswar for necessary action.

By order of the Governor

R.N.DASH

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government